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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 12/13/2004 finding that the applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither one of which makes the other "obvious" under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects the patentably distinct invention II comprising claims 9-18 for further substantive consideration in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 461-158 C# М# TC/A.U. 2831 IWASE, A. et al. Serial No. 10/770,405 Examiner: E. Thomas Filed: February 4, 2004 Date: February 14, 2005 (Monday) LAMINATED PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE Title: SAME Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: **RESPONSE** This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. □ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 0 minus highest number previously paid for (at least 20) =x \$50.00 20 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$ Independent claims after amendment minus highest number previously paid for 3 (at least 3) =x \$200.00 \$0.00 (1201)/\$0.00 (2201) \$ If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add \$360.00 (1051)/\$180.00 (2051) \$ Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) One Month Extension \$120.00 (1251)/\$60.00 (2251) Two Month Extensions \$450.00 (1252)/\$225.00 (2252) Three Month Extensions \$1020.00 (1253/\$510.00 (2253) Four Month Extensions \$1590.00 (1254/\$795.00 (2254) \$ 120.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$130.00 (1814)/\$65.00 (2814) \$ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee \$180.00 (1806) \$ Assignment Recording Fee \$40.00 (8021) Other: \$ TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 120.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 LSN:vc Signature:

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